examined by the Lord Mayor of his meaning and purpose in making that writing and who are in any way privy of that fact, if there be any pregnant matter to argue him to be guilty of writing the placard and he will not by fair means be brought to utter his knowledge, he shall be punished by torture and compelled to reveal it

ijth April MEASURES AGAINST VAGABONDS

An order is to be printed and set up in the City that all poor, aged and impotent persons repair to the place where they were born or where they were most conversant during the space of three years, there to be maintained, likewise all others wandering about as beggars, being whole and strong in body and able to get work, having no lands or other means to get their living, shall be taken as rogues and vagabonds And if any impotent person so provided for wander abroad out of his parish without licence he shall be whipped and returned, but if eftsoons he offend again then to be punished as a rogue To this end the officers of the City of London and of Westminster shall make inquisition of all beggars to compel them to depart to the places where they were born

iBtb April * VENUS AND ADONIS * ENTERED.

Venus and Adorns, a poem written by William Shakespeare, is entered, being dedicated to Henry Wnothesley, Earl of Southampton In this poem is described the hot love of Venus for the youth Adonis who scorneth her love, and leaving her to pursue the boar is by it slam And she hearing his dismal cry

> As falcon to the lure, away she flies,
> The grass stoops not, she treads on it so light;
> And in her haste unfortunately spies
> The foul boar's conquest on her fair delight,
>
> Which seen, her eyes, as murdered with the view,

Like stars asham'd of day, themselves withdrew

Or, as the snail, whose tender horns being hit,
Shrinks backward in his shelly cave with pain,
And there, all smothered up, in shade doth sit,
Long after fearing to creep forth again,
So, at his bloody view, her eyes are fled
Into the deep dark cabins of her head:
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